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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

RE:

CC Docket No. 200-257, In the Matter of 2000 Biennial Review—Review of Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers

Notification of Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC ("CBET"), pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §64.1120(e), hereby notifies the Commission of its intent to acquire a portion of the local exchange customers of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company ("CBT"). Specifically, CBET intends to acquire those local exchange customers of CBT located outside of CBT's traditional local exchange operating area as was recently required by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO"). <sup>1</sup>

Names of Parties to the Transaction: Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC, the transferee, and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, the transferor.

Types of Telecommunications Services Provided to Affected Customers: CBET will provide local exchange service to CBT customers located outside of CBT's traditional operating area at the same rates, terms and conditions as they receive from CBT.

**Date of the Transfer**: The parties anticipate that the transfer of customers will be effective as of January 1, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See In the Matter of the Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company for Approval of an Alternative Form of Regulation Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-4, Ohio Administrative Code, Case No. 04-720-TP-ALT, and In the Matter of the Commission Ordered Investigation of an Elective Alternative Regulatory Framework for Incumbent Local Exchange Companies, Case No. 00-1532-TP-COI, Finding and Order, June 30, 2004. See also the August 25, 2004 Entry in the same proceeding before the PUCO.

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**Certification of Compliance**: Attached hereto as Attachment A is CBET's certification that it has complied with the Commission's requirement to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.1120(e)(3).

Copy of Notice Sent to Affected Customers: Attached hereto as Attachment B is a copy of the advance customer notice that was mailed to all affected customers by November 30, 2004.

A duplicate original copy of this letter is enclosed; please date-stamp this copy as acknowledgement of its receipt and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you have questions regarding this notification, please do not hesitate to contact me at (513) 397-7260.

Sincerely,

Jouett Kinney

Regulatory Attorney

# APPENDIX A CERTIFICATION

#### **CERTIFICATION**

On behalf of Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC ("CBET"), and in accordance with Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e), I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing document and verify that the statements contained therein are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that CBET has complied and will comply with the Commission's requirements to provide advance customer notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3) of the Commission's rules, with the obligations specified in the advance notice, and the other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to the streamlined process.

By:

Name: D. Scott Ringo, Jr.

Title: Assistant Secretary and Director-

Regulatory Affairs

Date: November 30, 2004

# APPENDIX B CUSTOMER NOTICE

### Cincinnati Bell®

December 1, 2004

Dear Cincinnati Bell Telephone Customer:

We have exciting news to report! At the direction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company's (CBT) parent company, Cincinnati Bell Inc., has created a new company, Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC. (CBET), to provide local exchange service to customers like you who are outside of CBT's traditional operating area. As a separate subsidiary, CBET will continue to provide you with the same great service you have come to expect from Cincinnati Bell.

Effective January 1, 2005, your account will automatically be transferred from CBT to CBET, and CBET will become your new local exchange service provider. Please note that you are not required to do anything to continue receiving the same great service and rates you have always received from Cincinnati Bell. No charges will be assessed to your bill as a result of the transfer. Following the transfer, CBET will be responsible for any inquiries or concerns that may arise related to your service or billing.

We are confident you will be pleased with the superior service you receive from CBET. We value your business and pledge our commitment to providing you with quality services and personalized customer care as we move forward. If you do not wish to receive service from CBET, please understand that you are free to choose another carrier (subject to any term plan discount arrangements business customers may have with CBT) before January 1, 2005. If you have any questions about the transfer or CBET's services, please call a service representative at (866) 284-7943 or (866) 284-7936.

Sincerely,

Ronald Sweeney Jr.
General Manager
Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC.

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Federal Communications Commission Commission Registration System (CORES) CORES Certification Form
I, <u>Judy Norris</u> certify that the FCC Registration Number (FRN) listed below is true and correct to the best of my
knowledge, information and belief.
FCC Registration Number (FRN) 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 4
ENTITY NAME
CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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